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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the restriction requirement mailed August 18, 2003, the Examiner withdrew the prior restriction requirement mailed March 21, 2003, and newly required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following allegedly patentably distinct groups of claims:

Group I: claims 1-7, 11-15, 25-29, and 33-37 drawn to a method of treating a neurological activity in an animal comprising administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of formula II; and

Group II: claims 41, 42, 44, 45, and 49, drawn to a method for stimulating neurite outgrowth by a nerve cell comprising administering to said nerve cell an effective amount of a compound of formula II.

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